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Dear Sir

## Fortescue awards \$1.8bn Christmas Creek mining contract to Macmahon Holdings Ltd

Fortescue Metals Group Ltd (ASX: FMG, Fortescue) has awarded Macmahon Holdings Ltd (ASX: MAH) the mining services contract for its Christmas Creek Mine expansion.

The \$1.8 billion five-year contract will deliver all aspects of mine operations including drill and blast, overburden removal, ore harvesting, maintenance of equipment and associated services for the Christmas Creek expansion.

Fortescue CEO Nev Power said: "It gives me great pleasure to announce the award of the mining services contract for the Christmas Creek Mine expansion to Macmahon Holdings Ltd. The Christmas Creek Expansion has increased the capacity of the Chichester Operations to 95mtpa and is a key component of Fortescue's expansion to 155mtpa by December 2013."

Yours sincerely Fortescue Metals Group Itd

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